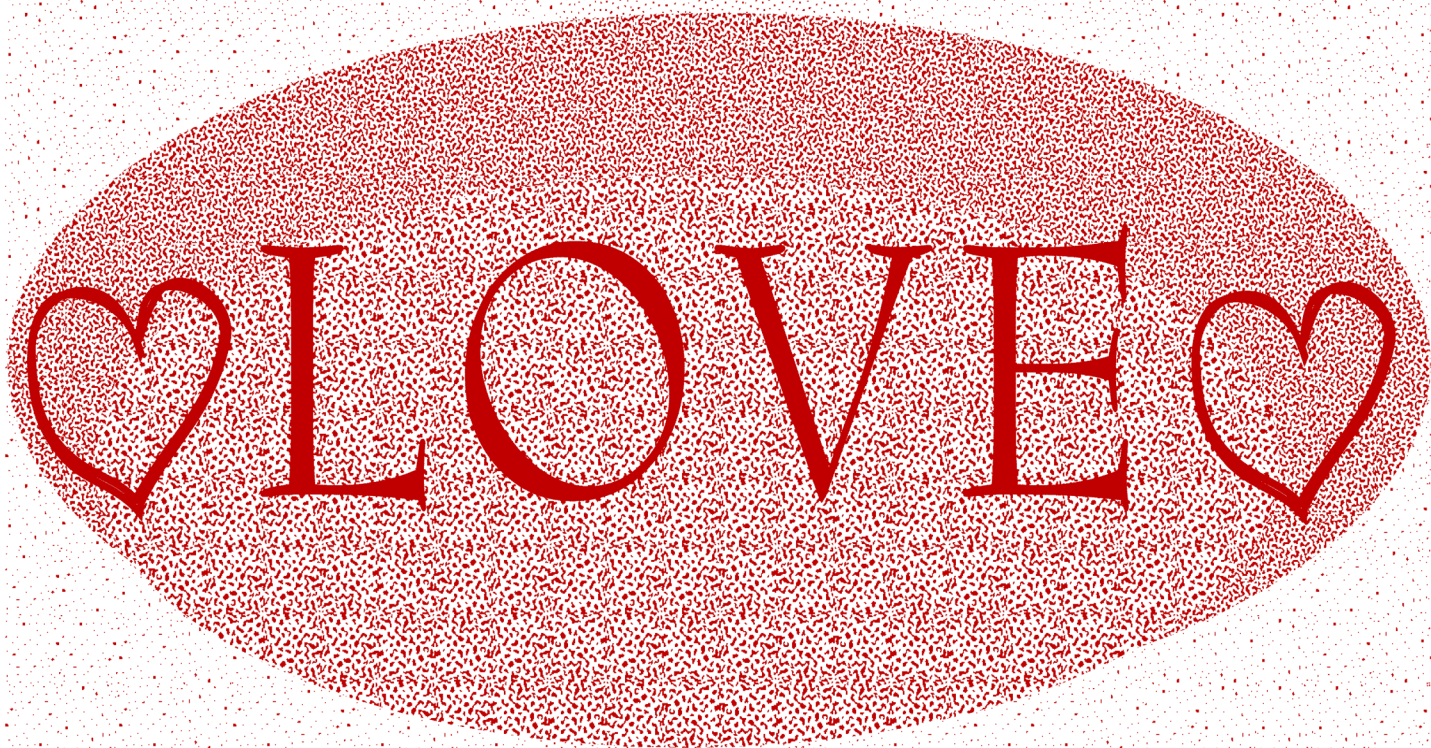


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2017



As far as the east is from the west



so far has the Lord
put our transgressions from us

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, September 18	7:45 am	Marie Kozlowski Elsie Jana	Barb & Joe DeLaVan Patricia Hassler
	9:00 am	George Scanlon Marilyn Shiffet	The Scanlon Family Rita Pantoni
Tuesday, September 19 Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr	7:45 am	Elaine & John Battestalla John Gannon	Paulette & Beth The Food Pantry Volunteers
	9:00 am	Betty Hartley George Scanlon	Jim & Joan Potsch Anne Scanlon
Wednesday, September 20 Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha- sang, and Companions, Martyrs	7:45 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Robert Witte	The Schrack Family Friends of the Witte Family
	9:00 am	Tyler Duelm Don Cushing	The Duelm Family Bob & Marie O'Malley
Thursday, September 21 Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	7:45 am	Word & Communion Service	
	9:00 am	Joseph & Mary Potsch Margaret Nichol	Jim & Joan Potsch Tom & Lucile Nichol
Friday, September 22	7:45 am	Rosemary Sherman Salvatore, Joseph & Jerry Frustaci	Jeff & Shirley Augustyn The Frustaci Family
	9:00 am	Word & Communion Service	
	4:30 pm	Wedding—Maria Delberto & Joe Chocola	
Saturday, September 23 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	9:00 am	James Maguire Henry & Irene Azzi	Family Tammy Wessley
	9:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	3:00 pm	Wedding—Anna Devine & TJ McCabe	
	4:15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

Please Pray For...

Tony Banda	Emmett Miller
Keeley Barr	Mike Morrison
Blake Donegan	Megan Morton
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Jane O'Reilly
Marian Dudek	Michael Patena
Pat Eaton	Ryan Patyk
Bill Elliott	Donna Pekarek
Lily Fielding	Carissa Pessetti
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	James Pridmore
Lilli Gregory	Baby Madison Raupp
Wilson Gregory	Anna Rose
Frank Grippo	Marilyn Rutkowski
Linda Hillsman	Matthew Schiek
Rose Ilo	Linda Spsychala
Jane Jacobson	Greyson Edward Stanley
Mike Kelly	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Benny Kilman	Jerry Tazic
Joan Kirby	Marty Thuerk
Shirley Kollenberg	Anne Titzer
Jerry Kolman	Michael Ungari
Virginia Kottaridis	Amanda Valerugo
Michael Marro	Gregory Van Gorp, Sr.
Molly Anne McKenna	Dawn Wilmsen
Steven McKinnon	

Prayers are requested for our relatives and friends who are sick. To add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

Names of the sick are listed for two months in the bulletin. If there is a recurrence of illness, names can be listed again. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers,
those who have died, as well as their families:

Patricia Norum

Mother of Mary Ann Jones

Dean Wittenberg

Husband of Kate

Rogelio Mendoza

Brother of Ramon Mendoza

Weddings



Maria Delberto & Joe Chocola

Anna Devine & TJ McCabe

Donna O'Neill & Mike Keenan

Mary Leigh Hayes & Robert Klaus

Julie Spidale & Matt Schiffler

Pastor's Notes

*"Should you refuse mercy to others like yourself,
yet seek pardon for your own sins?"*

Sirach 28:4

Simon Peter is having a moment in which he thinks that he understands what Jesus is teaching about forgiveness. In the tradition in which Peter was raised, to forgive someone who has wronged you three times would have been considered an extreme act of mercy. So, Peter doubles that number and adds one, proud of himself that he has come to understand this new law of love. Jesus challenges Peter to go as far as seventy times seven. In the time of Jesus, this was not to say 490 times, but rather to say always and forever.

Jesus then tells a parable of a man granted forgiveness for a large debt who refuses to extend the same forgiveness to one who owes him a much smaller amount. He makes it clear that our own hearts are open to receiving God's forgiveness only to the extent that we extend that forgiveness to others. Each time we pray the Our Father, we ask God "to forgive us as we forgive others." This is not about God's mercy, which is limitless and given freely. Rather it is about the capacity and openness of our hearts to receive God's mercy.

How do our hearts need to be stretched as we enter a new parish year together? Perhaps we are being challenged to

make peace with a friend or family member. Even if the other person is unwilling or unprepared to reconcile, God will give us the grace to let go of whatever we hold against the other person in our hearts – but only if we are willing to receive it. Perhaps we are part of a group within the parish called to let go of past conflicts and tensions with another parish group or individual; when we allow another person, or group, a new chance, miraculous things can happen. Perhaps there is someone who fears that she or he will not be welcome here because of something that they have heard in our voice or seen in our face; God will continue to breathe into us a welcoming spirit when we are willing to see what limits us. Perhaps there is a person or group in the public or political sphere who occupies our minds or hearts with judgments or biases that keep us from seeing or hearing clearly.

I know that I stand with Peter, overwhelmed with what Jesus asks of us. I also have experienced the incredible things God can do in my heart when I am willing to be stretched. May this be a year of heart-stretching for us all.

*Peace,
Fr. Bill*

Scripture Reflection

Today's Gospel is about forgiveness, but have we ever had someone that hurt us badly that we just can't forgive? We all experience this from time to time in our life; we are unable to forgive someone who has hurt us badly; we experience an emotional block. This raises an agonizing question. How do we handle such a problem? What do we do when we can't forgive someone? How do we get rid of the emotional block that chokes off our best efforts to forgive? How do we carry out Jesus' instruction to forgive in today's gospel reading? How will we heed the warning in today's first reading, which says that if we refuse mercy to our brothers and sisters, what can we expect from God?

It is not on our own forgiveness that healing in our world hinges, but His. When Jesus commands us to love our enemies, He gives, along with the command, the grace we will need to forgive. And so, the first way to handle the problem of not being able to forgive someone is to ask Jesus for the grace to forgive.

The second way to handle the problem is hinted at in today's gospel reading. It is to do what the official failed to do. It is to sit ourselves down in God's presence and recall how much and how often God has forgiven us. He has forgiven us infinitely more than he is asking us to forgive others.

The very least we can do in return is to reach out a hand of forgiveness to our brothers and sisters.

Deacon Andy Allison

Electronic Offertory Program

Below is the form for our EFT program. This convenient contribution method to Sunday offerings saves the Parish envelope costs and administrative effort. Your contribution can be automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account once or twice per month. Just cut out the form below, fill it out, and return to the rectory or place in the collection basket. God bless your support for SFX!

SUGGESTIONS FOR A SACRIFICIAL CONTRIBUTION

Please consider the following method for determining your offertory contribution:

- ◆ Locate your household income.
- ◆ Identify your current weekly contribution.
- ◆ See what percentage of your income you are currently sharing.
- ◆ Consider increasing your gift.



GROSS INCOME	WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION TO SFX					
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
\$10,000	\$2	\$4	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$19
\$25,000	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$50
\$40,000	\$8	\$15	\$23	\$31	\$38	\$76
\$50,000	\$10	\$19	\$29	\$38	\$48	\$96
\$60,000	\$12	\$23	\$35	\$46	\$58	\$116
\$70,000	\$13	\$27	\$40	\$54	\$67	\$134
\$80,000	\$15	\$31	\$46	\$62	\$77	\$154
\$90,000	\$17	\$35	\$52	\$69	\$87	\$174
\$100,000	\$19	\$38	\$58	\$77	\$96	\$192
\$125,000	\$24	\$48	\$72	\$96	\$120	\$240
\$150,000	\$29	\$58	\$87	\$115	\$144	\$288
\$200,000	\$38	\$76	\$116	\$154	\$192	\$384

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ELECTRONIC OFFERING PROGRAM

Sign up to have your contribution to the Parish transferred conveniently each month from your checking account directly to St. Francis Xavier. **A voided check is required.**

I/We hereby authorize St. Francis Xavier, to initiate debit entries and, if necessary, debit correction and adjustment entries to my/our account at the financial institution listed on the **voided check attached.** This authority is to remain in full force and effect until St. Francis Xavier has received written notification from the recipient of its termination in such a time and manner as to afford St. Francis Xavier a reasonable time to act upon it.

Option 1:

Please transfer my contribution of \$ _____
Twice a month on the 5th and 20th.

Option 2:

Please transfer my contribution of \$ _____
Once a month on the _____ 5th or _____ 20th.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

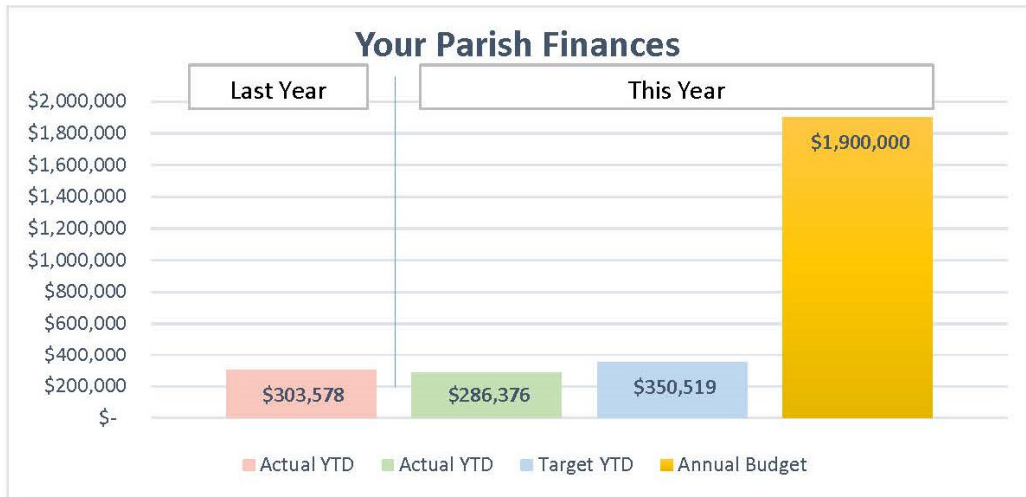
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Sunday Basket Collection Sept 10, 2017:

\$ 18,428

Prior Month's Offerings:	<i>EFT/Credit Card</i>	+	<i>Basket</i>	=	<i>August Total</i>
August 2017	\$ 43,882		\$ 59,369		\$ 103,251
August 2016	\$ 37,051		\$ 66,903		\$ 103,954

For those who may not have seen our new financial page in last weekend's bulletin, I am running the below again with updated numbers...

Another fiscal year (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018) has begun! The bulletin announcement has been revamped to demonstrate how the parish is performing toward meeting our budget this year. The bar graph compares:

- Pink: the amount of collections received at this point last year
- Green: the amount of collections received to date this year
- Orange: Our total budgeted collections, set to enable SFX to break even with expenses
- Blue: Our target for year-to-date collections

For example, this week, you would read the above bar graph as follows: Our parishioners donated \$303,578 at this point last year. This year to date, our parishioners have donated \$286,376 toward our budget of \$1,900,000 (which includes Christmas and Easter offerings). Our year-to-date target of \$350,308 is a simple average: our total budgeted Sunday offertory divided by 52 (simulating equal contributions throughout the 52 weeks of the year).

Our total budget of \$1,900,000 assumes a Sunday offertory increase of 4%. We are asking every parish household to prayerfully consider increasing their regular offering by at least 4%, and to consider electronic giving via direct withdrawal or credit card to provide us with a steady income throughout the year. The Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) withdrawal form can be found on the opposite page of this bulletin; credit card set-up can be completed online at our website at www.sfxlg.org.

Our children are back in the Day School or getting ready to begin Religious Education. Our Music Ministries are recruiting. The Ministry Fair for over 50 programs is coming up. All of these rely on the time, talent and treasure of the parish community. The generosity of our parishioners is truly a blessing for us all, as we share in the blessings that have come to fruition in the past year.

The financial results from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 are coming soon!

Christ's Peace to You!
Jennifer Zeisloft
Business Manager

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September 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next weekend we celebrate the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Chicago through our second collection. By offering our financial support we provide these young men with the critical education and training they need to shepherd our parishes and administer the sacraments. Last year, more than \$978,000 was collected and I am thankful for your past and present support.

Pope Francis reminds us that, “The Church and the world need mature and balanced priests, intrepid and generous Pastors, capable of closeness, of listening and mercy.” There are currently 54 seminarians preparing for a life of service as your future parish priests. Our seminarians’ motivation and enthusiasm in their pursuit to answer God’s call is inspiring. They are the future guides for the spiritual and intellectual formation of our Catholic communities and are well deserving of our prayers and financial support.

Contributions made to this collection alleviate monthly expenses such as tuition and fees (\$1,672) room and board (\$638), and health insurance (\$171) for each seminarian and will be used solely for the formation of new priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago. You may utilize the remittance envelopes provided to your parish or should you find it more convenient, feel free to contribute through our website at www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund.

For your generous support in the past and for your consideration of support again this year, I thank you. May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Card. Blase Cupich".

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

ST. FRANCIS HOMECOMING 2017

Go Falcons

SUNDAY, Sept 17th

PARADE

7:30 – decorate

8:30 – Parade starts

8th GRADE TAILGATE BREAKFAST

9:00 am

JV “A” GAME

10:00 am

JV “B” GAME

11:30 am

8th GRADE PARENT CEREMONY

Ceremony begins immediately following the
JV B game approximately 12:35 pm
(Parents of football players and cheerleaders
arrive by 12:15 pm to assemble)

VARSITY “A” GAME

1:00 pm

VARSITY “5th Quarter”

2:30 pm

Welcome Wednesdays at St. Francis Xavier School



We would like to invite you to attend a Welcome Wednesday admissions event and learn all about our programs and tour our school. Reservations are suggested, but not required.

Dates

September 20, 2017

October 18, 2017

November 15, 2017

December 20, 2017

February 21, 2018

March 21, 2018

April 18, 2018

9:00 AM at East Campus

(preschool 3 – Kindergarten)

21 N. Catherine Avenue, LaGrange

10:15 AM at Main Campus

(First grade – Eighth grade)

145 N. Waiola Avenue, LaGrange

To make reservations, schedule a private tour, or request a shadow day

for your child, please contact

Jennifer Courier at 708-352-2175.

Our all-school **Open House is
January 28, 2018.**

The “Gym Fair” at the Main Campus will showcase all clubs and extracurricular activities, and teachers will be in their class rooms at both campuses to answer any questions you may have.

Open Enrollment begins mid November.

Our early education classes reach capacity very quickly. Contact Jennifer Courier jcourier@sfxlg.org to be placed on the distribution list for the application paperwork.



Join us for the first St. Francis Xavier Oktoberfest!

When: Saturday, September 30 from 7:00-11:00 pm

Where: The Parking lot behind the school

Cost: \$40 per person, buy your tickets at the door or in advance at:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/event/13644>

Ticket price includes beer, wine, brats and music by Kickin' Jimmy.

Sponsors of the SFX Oktoberfest

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Questions? Email Mary Cormier at mccormier4@gmail.com

SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:
www.youthministry.sfxlg.org

We're on social media!



Did you know Youth Ministry has an official Facebook page? Scan the QR code below or search "SFX-Quest" on Facebook. Make sure to like our page!



Your Help Needed!

If you are interested in singing in the Spirit Choir, Lectoring, or serving as a Eucharistic Minister at the 6 pm Mass, please contact Olivia Hollman by email at ohollman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 x338. We are in need of new (and returning!) ministers.

National Catholic Youth Conference 2017

What would it be like to see 20,000 + Catholic teenagers celebrate their faith?

Come see at the National Catholic Youth Conference November 16-19th in Indianapolis, Indiana.

St. John of the Cross Parish is taking a group of teens and has space for more high school teens.

Check out these videos and if you are interested in more detail contact Katie Hayes at khayes@stjohnofthecross.org!

A teen's version of what he experienced:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svaDR7CJkQ>

Cardinal Cupich's invitation:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsBYzrf17-k&t=4s>

Bishop Caggiano's invitation:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ptg56eoMuSU>

Quest Speaker Event

The 1st Quest Speaker Event of the year will be Sunday, September 24th from 4:30-5:45 in Joyce Hall. 3 DePaul University students will be joining us to have a conversation about living our faith outside of Mass. Don't miss out on this engaging event! While this is geared towards high school students, all are welcome!

~Olivia

Start Up for Religious Education

Registered RE Families will receive class placement the week of September 11 via email.

Sunday, September 17, is the start of Religious Education with **MEET & GREET**.

Meet & Greet for ALL Sessions is from 8:45-10:15am.

ALL registered families are expected to come to the Meet & Greet!

See you soon in the Education Building!

**Religious Education
Important Dates & Class Dates**



6th Grade Bible Distribution

September 23 & 24 during all masses

Sunday, September 24	Class
Wednesday, September 27	Class

Thank You

Bianca Dimailig, Erin McGovern, Fiona O'Brien, Catherine Vlcek, Angie James, Emmet and Molly James baked sweets and sold them after masses to raise money for Hurricane Harvey. They raised \$743.05 and the money will be donated to Catholic Charities and sent along with St. Francis Xavier Church's donation. They wanted to thank all of the parishioners who bought sweets and donated so generously.

Join us
for the 12th Annual

St. Francis Xavier



Sign up today for the St. Francis Falcon 5K!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/LaGrangePark/StFrancisFalcon5KRunWalk>

Saturday, November 4th

Kids' Fun Run (~0.5 mile), Junior Falcon 100 yd. Dash, 3.1 mile Run/Walk

Be a part of the fun, start training today.

Strollers, walkers, non-SFX parishioners, and all ages welcome!

- USATF certified*, chip timed, flat, tree lined La Grange Park neighborhood course
- 5K and Kids' Fun Run participants receive a technical t-shirt. Under 19 discount.
- Indoor post-race celebration with Selfie Spot & fabulous treats from local vendors!

Want to volunteer? Questions? Please contact Camille Brune at camillebrune@hotmail.com.

*IL 17026WR Race benefits the Building Our Future campaign, St. Francis Xavier School, a not-for-profit organization.



Tyler's Toy Drive

Supporting the Treasure Chest Foundation

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Friday, September 22nd, 2017
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

St. Francis Xavier Parking Lot
(In case of rain Joyce Hall)

Fire Truck, face painting, candy walk, many games and loads of fun!

Girl Scout Bake Sale - (please bring cash)

Bring a new unwrapped toy or gift...Put a smile on children's faces

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The Treasure Chest Foundation has pursued its mission of providing comfort and distraction from painful procedures to children fighting cancer by providing toys from "treasure chests".

Toys in all shapes, sizes and varieties are welcomed, but please no stuffed animals.

All gifts are appreciated - some suggestions includes: action figures, dolls and accessories, DVDs, CDs, games, gift certificates to restaurants/stores, jewelry, art projects and supplies, trucks/cars, gift cards for teens in \$5-\$10 amounts.

Can't make it? Drop your toy at the Rectory by September 22nd!

Questions? Catholic Women's Club, Steph Janiszewski: stephjuice@sbcglobal.net





Be a part of the magic that has supported our community for over 30 years! Cossitt School will hold its bi-annual children's consignment sale on Saturday, September 30th from 8:00 am-1:00pm. SELL! Clean out your closets! Sell your gently used fall and winter items and keep 60% of proceeds. BUY! Find amazing deals on gently used fall/winter items...Halloween costumes, holiday dresses, coats & boots, dance leotards/outfits, sports shoes & equipment, infant clothing & gear, strollers, high chairs...SHOP THE PRESALE! Volunteer for 4 hours and gain access to the INVITATION ONLY pre-sale on September 29. Details for sellers, buyers and volunteers can be found at:

www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale/



Sponsorship opportunities, Bags Tourney and Dinner tickets are available for The Legacy Guild Fall Golf Outing on Friday, September 29th at the LaGrange Country Club. Donation of raffle prizes would also be appreciated!

Help provide college scholarships for local students who have lost a parent.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.thelegacyguild.com/>

or by contacting Tim Sullivan at 708-205-0207
or Bob Bock at 708-646-9047.

Nazareth Academy Hosts Coffee & Conversation Dates

Prospective parents are invited to join us for Coffee and Conversation with the Nazareth Administration. Guests will be treated to a light breakfast, informal conversation and a tour of the school. The event begins at 8:30 am and will conclude at 10:00 am. Enter through the main entrance on the west side of the building. Parents are welcome on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 4
Wednesday, November 15

Registration is required, visit nazarethacademy.com and click "Admissions" or contact Kristen Stojetz at 708-387-8505 or kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com.

Your Invitation to Learn More about Catholicism



RCIA is a process of questioning and conversation for non-Catholics who wish to know more about the Church, and for Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

New this year: St. Cletus, St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier have combined efforts, to present the best of our three programs to participants. Leaders from all three churches will walk with you throughout the process. *If you have been thinking about becoming Catholic or completing your sacraments, please consider joining us.*

How it works: We will meet on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00-8:30 pm, and on some Sundays at various times from September 19-April 24. There are 4 stages in the Process:

1. Inquiry – a time to explore where God is calling you, ask questions, experience and learn about the faith, including: God, Jesus, the role of community, prayer, scripture, Mary, the saints; also, a tour of St. Francis Xavier Church. September 19-November 5; meets primarily at St. Cletus.

2. Catechumenate– a time to dive deeper into key elements of Catholicism including: our approach to scripture, why we do what we do, signs & symbols, ritual, church history, what we believe, the 7 sacraments, and the mass. November 7-February 13; meets primarily at St. Francis Xavier.

3. Enlightenment– a time of reflection and prayer before receiving the sacraments. February 20-March 24; meets primarily at St. John of the Cross; Sacraments will take place at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 1 at 8:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier.

4. Mystagogy– a time to reflect on your experience, and what it means to live out your new life as part of the Body of Christ. April 10-24; meets primarily at St. Francis Xavier.

Next Step:

Please contact Kate DeVries at kdevries@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 to make an appointment to discuss your desires and how the RCIA Process can support your journey of faith.

Catholic Women's Club

All women of the parish are members of the Catholic Women's Club. If you would like to get involved or if you would like to receive monthly newsletters about our upcoming events via email, please contact Tiziana Lambert at tizianalambert@gmail.com.

SFX Men's Club

All men of the parish are welcome.
For further information, please contact:

Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com or
Joseph Enright at joseph_owen@hotmail.com.

Tax Advantaged Way To Support the Parish

Have you considered making a donation of appreciated common stock? Gifts of appreciated securities provide an immediate income tax deduction in the amount of the value of the stock and are not subject to capital gains tax.

If it seems appropriate, please consider taking advantage of this for your Capital Campaign pledge payment.

For more details, please call Jane Bandyk at the rectory office 708-352-0168.

This article is not intended to provide legal or tax advice. Please consult your professional advisors before taking action.

Leave A Legacy

We are grateful for the generous support that you give to St. Francis through your weekly contributions. Have you considered providing for the continuation of that support by including the parish in your Will? Bequests given to the parish through Wills are for the sole use of St. Francis Xavier Parish.

To include the parish in your Will, the correct language is: "I give (a percentage or amount) to the Catholic Bishop of Chicago—A Corporation Sole, for the sole benefit of St. Francis Xavier Parish, LaGrange."

Thanks for giving consideration to leaving a legacy!

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483 will be collecting donations after each mass on this Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17 for the Intellectually Disabled Tootsie Roll Drive 2017.

Donations collected help fund SPRED and other Intellectual Disabilities programs. Donations are greatly appreciated.



Interfaith Career Network

Job Search Boot Camp

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us when the Career Center in the First Baptist Church of LaGrange will host their Fall five-week workshop beginning Tuesday, September 19 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Whether you are looking to change jobs or re-enter the workforce, this workshop will teach you the tools to help land the right job for you. The Career Center at the First Baptist Church is located at 20 North Ashland Avenue. This workshop is open to all and there is no fee to attend. Please join us! For further information, call 708-352-2740.

Tell Me About...

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Thursday, September 21 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Most job seekers can answer interview questions that deal with their skills, experience or accomplishments. But do you stammer and break out into a sweat when asked "Tell me about yourself?" Do you cringe when the interviewer asks you "What are your salary expectations?" Do you shake uncontrollably when asked to "Tell me about your weaknesses?" Well shake, cringe and sweat no more. These and other tough interview questions will be covered in detail by our speaker, Tom Nosal. These questions and others like them are referred to as elimination questions. Answer them wrong and you are eliminated from consideration. Answer them correctly and you could land the job you've been after. During this presentation you will not only learn what these questions are, but why they are asked and how to answer them in a way that will put you ahead of your competition and increase your chances of being hired. Tom Nosal is a Career Transition Coach. He is also the owner of his own coaching firm where he provides career, business and management coaching. In 2014, he wrote and published the book "Scaling Up Your Job Search: Three Strategic Steps to Landing Your Ideal Career." Join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs.

Everyone is welcome to ICN meetings/workshops and there is no cost to attend. For further information, please visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

From The Inside

Helping prisoners tell their stories
by sharing their art



An art exhibit of works by men and women in prison
Presented in cooperation with Crossroads Prison Ministries

Saturday, September 23

Adult Wine and Cheese Reception
7:00-9:00 pm Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall
Free will offering to benefit Crossroads Prison Ministries

Sunday, September 24

Representatives from Crossroads Ministries will be interviewed during all Sunday Worship Services
(8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 am)
Exhibit will be on display all morning
with coffee and conversation.



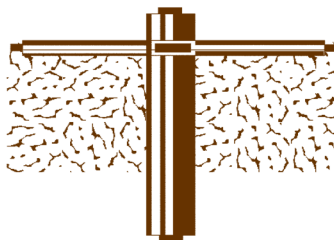
Grace Lutheran Church
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LaGrange
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interfaith community partners

15th Annual Fall Benefit Drive Me to the Moon II

Join us for an evening of music, friendship, and philanthropy on Friday, October 6 from 7:00-10:00 pm at Capri Banquets, 6240 Joliet Road in Countryside. Entertainment includes The Nick Pontarelli Band playing favorites from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Frankie Valli, and more! Please RSVP by September 29 to Interfaith Community Partners. If you would like to purchase tickets and to learn more about ICP, please call 708-354-9328 or visit their website at www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org. Ticket price is \$60 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine, silent auction, and paddle raise. Checks are payable to Interfaith Community Partners, 111 West Harris Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525. Cash bar for other cocktails. For more information or if you would like to donate, sponsor, or volunteer please call our office.

All proceeds benefit Interfaith Community Partners.



**BY YOUR CROSS AND RESURRECTION,
YOU HAVE SET US FREE, O LORD**

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Rev. Monsignor Michael M. Boland
President of Catholic Charities

and members of the
West Regional Advisory Board
cordially invite you to the

West Region Social

Thursday, October 5, 2017
6:30-8:30 pm

Oak Park Country Club
2001 N. Thatcher Avenue
River Grove

Learn more about the important work
of Catholic Charities and the valuable role
of the West Regional Advisory Board.

Refreshments and Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

For additional Information
and to RSVP contact:

Esmeralda Zepeda
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(708) 329-4022
ezpeda@catholiccharities.net

or

Scott Schram

Catholic Charities Regional Advisory Board (RAB)
member and SFX Parishioner (708) 606-2854



While September may be designated as *Hunger Action Month*, our SFX Food Pantry is grateful for all the blessings we receive throughout the year!

Some ways to continue your generous support:

PRAY for an end to food insecurity in our community, nation, and world.

DONATE food and funds. See parish website for list of needed items.

VOLUNTEER at the Greater Chicago Food Depository (www.chicagosfoodbank.org) and designate our pantry (agency #A00419) so we receive labor credits (\$5/hour) for food purchases.

Special thanks to our weekly corps of volunteers at the pantry.

WALK to raise awareness and funds. **GCFD's Hunger Walk** in Jackson Park on **September 16th**. Please visit: www.chicagosfoodbank.org/hungerwalk.

Save the Date: **CROP Hunger Walk** on **October 15th** in LaGrange.

SHARE your fresh garden produce with our pantry. Special thanks to *Share the Harvest* partners for their ongoing garden donations.

GIVE THANKS to Trader Joes, Panera, Aracely's Bakery and Marianos for ongoing food donations.

WATCH the documentary *A Place at the Table* with your family.

Any questions, please contact Mary Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlg.org.



Please check out our new YouTube video offering an entertaining sneak preview of our new space! On YouTube, search for “The Well Spirituality Center WELLcome”.

We look forward to welcoming you into our new space and our new program year. We have some exciting new programs coming up – among them:

Forest Therapy Walk: This three-hour sensory-focused guided excursion in the forested area behind The Well will offer encounters with other-than-human nature. Thursday, September 21 from 9:00-Noon, repeats October 12.

Please check our website www.csjthewell.org for further details on these and many other wonderful programs.

The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue,
LaGrange Park
To register: 708-482-5048/thewell@csjoseph.org /
www.csjthewell.org.

Archbishop’s Mass in Cathedral to Focus on Domestic Violence

Archbishop Blase J. Cupich will celebrate a Mass to End Domestic Violence on Saturday, September 30 at 5:15 pm in Holy Name Cathedral. Everyone is invited. He will preach on our need to reach out to victims of domestic violence and their children and work to build healthy relationships in our families. A reception in the parish hall will follow the Mass.

For more information, contact Jan Burdulis at 773-841-3956 or jmburdulis@gmail.com.

Prayers to End Domestic Violence

The Domestic Violence ministries of St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross parishes invite you to join in an ecumenical prayer service for victims and families who have been impacted by domestic abuse. Prayer and song will be highlighted by a survivor's own story on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm in St. Francis Xavier Church. All are welcome.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION

Sacred Heart Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry and our Pastor Father Jacek Wrona invite you to our Silent Witness Exhibit, Sunday September 24 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. The silhouettes represent local victims whose lives were taken by domestic violence. The objective of the exhibit is to bring awareness and provide information to our community about domestic violence. For the past twenty years, the Exhibits have been the most powerful way to honor those whose lives were lost in acts of domestic violence and to begin the healing process through awareness, education and treatment programs in hundreds of communities across America and several other countries, worldwide.

The Exhibit is a visual representation consisting of life-sized, red laminated silhouettes of the women, men and children murdered in acts of domestic violence during a specific period within each state, county or city. The goal of each Exhibit is to create an engaging display that will rally community support to grieve the losses of human life, create awareness and education materials and programs by collaborating with concerned and passionate members of your local community.

Remember My Story. Remember My Name

In 1990, the Silent Witness Initiative began promoting and education to support an end to domestic violence through community based exhibits. It started with a small group of volunteers in one state and grew into an international presence, with projects in all 50 states and 23 countries.

Silent Witness International is the leading voice that honors the lives of domestic violence homicide victims through family support, community connections, and advocacy for change.

Many men and women die each year in acts of domestic violence in the United States. Each one has a story. Join our efforts to end this tragedy. <http://www.silentwitness.net/> Because we need to remember their stories. We need to remember their names.

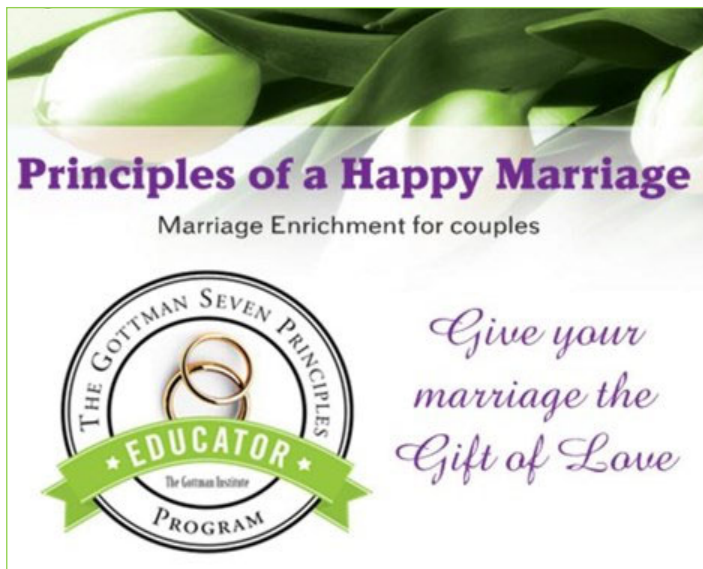


- Family members will speak for our silhouettes.
- Survivors of Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking and Sexual Assault will share their stories.
- Senator Bill Cunningham will speak on legislation.
- There will be community outreach resources providing information.
- We will hold a candlelight vigil at the close of our exhibit to honor the victims of domestic violence.

This event will be held at:

Sacred Heart Church, Moscow Center,
8245 West 111th Street, Palos Hills, IL 60465
Any questions, please contact Elizabeth Droel
at 708-974-3336 ext. 250 or droel@sacredheartpalos.org.

St. John of the Cross Pastoral Ministry Fall 2017 Events



St. John of the Cross Parish is sponsoring a marriage enrichment retreat that combines a theology of marriage as covenant with the findings from the Gottman Institute that draws on 40 years of evidence based research to identify the key principles that predict marital success.

How It Works

Register at www.stjohnofthecross.org
Attend 3 Saturday Workshops (9:00-Noon)
Apply the 7 Principles to your marriage

Cost: The \$150.00 per couple cost includes: 9 hours of instruction by trained Gottman educators, 2 copies of The 7 Principles for Making Marriage work book, journal, and light snacks. Child care is also available.

Dates/Times: The 7 Principles for Marriage Enrichment is comprised of three-3 hour blocks on: Saturday, September 23, 30 and October 14 from 9:00-Noon.

Location: St. John of the Cross Parish, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL 60558 708-246-4404.

Seasons of Hope Grief Support

Monday Evenings (7:00 – 8:30 pm)
October 23, 30
November 6, 13, 20, 27



St. John of the Cross Parish in Western Springs will host a 'Seasons of Hope' support group for anyone grieving the loss of a family member or loved one.

'Seasons of Hope' is a six-session support ministry designed to help participants navigate the grieving process. Weekly sessions present a faith-based topic and include discussion, prayer, personal reflection and Scripture. There is no obligation to share, however it is recommended that participants allow 3-6 mo. from time of loss before attending.

Seasons of Hope is facilitated by experienced, caring adults who are familiar with the grief process.

Registration

Online: www.stjohnofthecross.org/grief-ministry

Phone: 708-246-4404 ext. 137

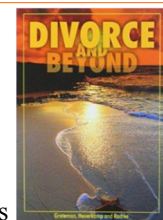
'Grief only exists where love lived first.' - Franchesca Cox

Disclaimer: 'Seasons of Hope' support groups are not intended to provide or replace professional counseling or individual therapy.

Divorce and Beyond Support

Thursday Evenings (7:00 – 8:30 pm)

October 26
November 2, 9, 16, 30
December 7, 14, 21



The Divorce and Beyond process provides emotional and spiritual support to those who have experienced divorce or those in the dissolution process. It is a faith-based, Catholic Christian support ministry that welcomes other faith traditions as well.

Each session highlights an aspect of the divorce-recovery process. Topics include: *Healing, managing emotions, blame, loneliness, and achieving growth and personal happiness.* Sessions are led by experienced Divorce and Beyond graduates committed to fostering the personal, emotional and spiritual growth of all participants.

To Register

Online: www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond

Cost: \$10.00 fee (Participant Manual)

Disclaimer: 'Divorce and Beyond' support groups neither provide nor replace the possible need for professional counseling or individual therapy.

God Bless the Atheists

No matter your news source or political persuasion, there appears to be increasing tension between the secular and the sacred in American society. What is the role of personal belief in a world of instantaneously shared social media and why do so many today reject outright the Church or even the possibility of God without discussion? Why do the atheists sound so angry and what is my response to a loved one who is a seeker but no longer a believer? Maybe the challenge we must first face is not what others say but rather what we ourselves believe. At times the anxiety we feel in the face of unbelief is the necessary gut checking of our own beliefs.

The St. John's SAM (Spirituality Among Men) group invites you to refresh your understanding of God as we discuss various misconceptions that may be preventing us from deepening our faith. As we grow, our notion of God must expand and in so doing old notions pass away.

Join us at the St. John of the Cross Parish Center on September 23 at 9:00 am for coffee, bagels, fellowship and some good discussion.

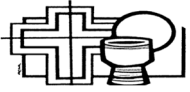


Please Pray For...all those serving in the military including:

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Christopher Ocasio, U.S. Army**—friend of the Berger Family
- **Staff Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **U.S. Navy James Lynch & Christopher Cugier, Air Force**—cousin and nephew of Sr. Helen Sullivan
- **Ensign Jonathan Devitt Brown**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Master Sgt. Andrew Lang**—son of Marge & Ray Lang
- **Scott Conway, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Robert Dunne & Mark Conway
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Jack & Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private William Baker, U.S. Army**—son of Meg & Barry Baker
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—grandson of Marian, nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas,
and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julia & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **SPC Matthew Alvis, U.S. Army**—cousin of the Tschakovsky Family
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Ensign Julia McKenna, U.S. Navy**—friend of John Rogers
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio

**Please inform us of others serving in the military...and let us know when
friends and loved ones return from deployment overseas.**

Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—September 23-24, 2017

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Muccino	Q. Shanley H. McCormick M. Kanzer	C. Cooke K. Corrigan J. Denson K. Kanzer J. Kelly D. Mulvenna K. Murphy K. Preussner Not Filled	Q. Siegel T. Dudek F. LaMantia	K. Kelly	P. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	D. Walsh G. Rutkowski B. Farnan	M. Hermesdorf K. McInerney J. Morsch R. Nutt P. Olson	W. Carroll C. Carroll R. Wheeler	G. Adams	J. Morsch T. Morsch
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	C. Michel N. Madell B. Olson	M.A. Barry M. Branecki C. Froemel E. Froemel D. Sherman J. Sosnowski T. Urchell J. Van Gorp L. Weyrauch	C. DelGiudice M. Hayford L. Nowak	C. Jakubisin Gallery Choir	D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	K. McCarthy B. Boyd M. Dillon	L. Egan M.P. Flaherty J. Garreau A. Gatsos D. Kriho S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak K. Parisi	B. Michel A. Holmes C. Holmes	J. Petkus Celebration Ensemble	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	E. McGovern J. Clark W. Foster	A. Chimento N. L. Kampe M. O'Malley M. K. Pasin Not Filled	H. Lisek C. Kachmarik A. McCarty	L. Hoigard	D. Foss
6:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of September 17, 2017

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Should one refuse mercy
to another
and yet seek pardon
for his sin?

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-8:30 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday.....9:00 am-2:00 pm

Sabbath Liturgy

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and
(6:00 pm September until first weekend of May)

Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....After 9:00 am Mass
Saturday afternoon.....4:15 pm
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the
tabernacle prayer area.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Wednesday7:45 and 9:00 am
Thursday.....9:00 am
Friday.....7:45 am
Saturday.....9:00 am

Word Communion Services

Thursday.....7:45 am
Friday.....9:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the
Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on
a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous
Thursday. All articles must be emailed to the
bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to
11:00 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and
60526 zip codes.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please
contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization,
specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals
do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy
Laws.

Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal
dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at
7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's
birth or adoption.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to
schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner
for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding
times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on
Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and
take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy
services are available for individuals, couples, and families
experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship
conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being
overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, call
our parish counselor, Nancy Kennedy, 773-643-6259 ext. 31 at the
Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.